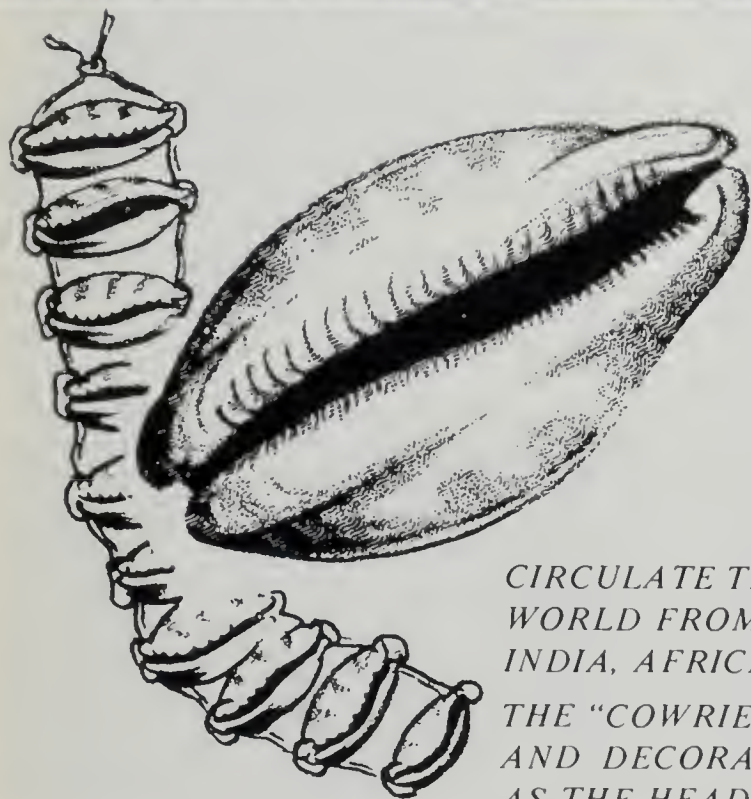




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A
Message From
The President

Dorothy C. Baber, CSNA 1577

Summertime is fast fading away . . . another few weeks school will be started and vacations a thing of the past.

The most recent "vacation" taken by the Baber family was to Cincinnati to attend the American Numismatic Association Convention and we were truly rewarded when we were called upon to receive the A.N.A. Medal of Merit at the awards meeting on Saturday, July 23rd. Double pleasing, as we can share the thought that William and Elizabeth Wisslead also received this high award at the same meeting. Al and I had specifically been asked to be present to accept an award for the Wissleads, so were completely surprised when it led into the same award for the two of us.

Exhibit winners from Southern California were Albert Hall, Kay Lenker and Thomas Fitzgerald. John Lenker also received accolades for the publication of the *Primitive Money Society Journal*. Charles Colver, though not present, was named a 'Numismatic Ambassador-at-Large' and will be presented with a silver badge to wear.

Another feather in John Lenker's cap was the receipt of the *Medal of Merit* from the *San Diego County Inter Club Numismatic Council* at the recent Coinarama in San Diego.

While we are giving praise — let's have it for young Matthew Rockman, a member of both CSNA Y.N. program, and *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society*. He is the winner of the first annual "Todd Gee Literary Award" sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Gee, of Toronto, Canada. Matthew's entry also won First Place in the Literary



Contest of *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society*. David Cieniewicz, CSNA's Young Numismatist Coordinator, is hopeful that this will be an incentive for more YN's to submit articles to *Calcoin News*.

I want to thank Steve Huston for his efforts in retrieving almost all of the Californiana from the Old Mint Museum in San Francisco.

Your Vice President Ed Fulwider, has been busy ... working on a Retirement Home, and looking for a site for our Spring CSNA Convention in the north. Last week the convention portion began to come together, with Dunfey's Hotel in San Mateo selected for CSNA's Semi-Annual Convention, on May 5, 6, 7, 1989.

Dunfey's Hotel offers 24-hour free shuttle service from the San Francisco Airport (only 20 minutes away). Ed was quite pleased with the prospects of the convention in this facility, and will be furnishing us with more details before long.

The Nominating Committee, headed by William O. Wisslead, has been working to prepare a slate of officers for future election. Doesn't seem as if it is that time already; the selection will be presented at the Fall Convention in Ontario at the Red Lion Inn.

Speaking of the Red Lion ... plan on the weekend following Thanksgiving to be a numismatic one ... this is normally a long weekend for a lot of people, and we are hoping that they choose to spend it with their numismatic friends in Ontario, California.

Until next time, thanks for listening,

Dorothy



Editorially

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The feedback from the ANA was "satisfaction", not only from dealers we talked with, but also from the regular convention attendees. This is the marketplace to search for those elusive items needed for your collection.

The display section provided some unique items for our viewing. The competitive exhibits included something for everyone, from Walrus Teeth to the 1804 Silver Dollar. Gold, silver, currency, all in beautiful arrangements.

Also on display was a portion of the ANA's \$2 million collection of paper money recently donated to the Association by Aubrey and Adeline Bebee.

The "*Tokens of the War Between The States*" was assembled in memory of Virginia Culver, a token collector, and first Woman president of the ANA.

Also shown were the original sketches the Treasury Department considered when choosing designs for the 1988 Olympic coinage. A total of 84 entries were submitted by the staff of the Philadelphia Mint and nine invited artists.

Government Agencies were there in abundance, ie: Bermuda Monetary Authority, British Royal Mint, China Mint, Dutch Mint, Italian State Mint, Mexico Mint, Portuguese State Mint, Royal Australian Mint, Royal Canadian Mint, Singapore Mint, U.S. Bureau of Engraving & Printing, U.S. Mint, and the U.S. Postal Service. Only at an ANA Convention can you see all of these.

The Friday night forum and the Numismatic Theater, throughout the convention, afforded hobbyists and professionals alike the opportunity to hear intriguing presentations on a variety of topics.

If all of this has been enough to whet your numismatic appetite, make plans NOW to attend the 1989 ANA in Pittsburgh, PA. Closer to home will be the 1990 convention in Seattle, Washington. See you there?

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A RARE TRIBAL DANCE HEAD-DRESS FROM INDIA

for the
University of Illinois World Heritage Museum

By: REAR ADMIRAL O. H. DODSON, U.S.N. (Ret.)

CSNA #599

This unusual head-dress, attractively decorated with bison horns, huge bird feathers and cowrie shells, which are the earliest form of currency in the ancient world, is a recent donation to the museum.

Mr. T. C. R. Menon, a citizen of India, has described the use of the head-dress as follows:

“Bastar District in Madhya Pradesh has some of the most primitive races in India and of these the Madias are the most interesting and colourful. The Bison Horn dance of the Madias has been famous not only in India but even outside and in the Republic Day parades on 26th January this dance, whenever presented, has always won wide acclaim.

For this dance the men wear a head-dress with a large number of cowrie shells and with two symmetrical bison horns. They beat large drums to the rhythm of which they dance. It is a vigorous and colourful dance, with the booms of the drums breaking into the stillness of the nights. Both men and women dance, the women holding one another with hands round the waists and hitting the ground with metallic rods to which bells are strung so as to give a rhythm which has to be in time with that of the drums. The women move their feet in a manner resembling the foxtrot. They do not wear the bison horn head-dress. Only the men do.



An uncommon tribal dance head-dress from India, lavishly decorated with bison horns, feathers and cowrie shells, intrigues Urbana Illinois Senior High School student and Museum visitor Amy Dickinson, age 16. (Photo Credit: Colin McIlwain)

GENUINE



COWRIES OF CHINA

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PICTORIALLY P'ÊNG RESEMBLES
A STRING OF COWRIES BENT IN THE
MIDDLE.



IMITATION

These dances are ceremonial and last through the night, starting after dinner and the dancers refresh themselves periodically with country liquor served in leaf-cups. The dance is considered one of the most fascinating dances of India and people from far and near, particularly from outside India, come to see it.

It is very difficult to get a bison horn head-dress. The Madias are unlikely to sell them once they are won on the head — and they are made only for purposes of the dance and not for show or sale.”

This head-dress was a gift to the late Dr. Royden Dangerfield, who was Director of the University of Illinois' International Programs when he was on a visit to India. The head-dress was recently given to the museum by Mrs. Dangerfield.

The Museum's striking historical exhibits attract high school field trips from every part of the state of Illinois.

The Museum is open, when classes are in session, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Escorted tours may be arranged by calling (217) 333-2360.

The end of the shell was always broken off for the purpose of stringing. Many Cowrie or Cowrie Moneta is known world-wide and considered the most classic of all known primitive money examples.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The Cowrie Shell was used widely in India, Asia and Africa ... along the Kasis, as well as some of the back-waters of the Middle Congo ... about the beginning of this century 3,000 was the normal price for a wife.

— Illustrations from *The Story of Primitive Money* by Mort Reed —

NEWS FLASH . . . The *Society of International Numismatics* honored five numismatists August 20, 1988 for their dedication to the hobby.

Charles V. Kappen, *CSNA* Past President and *Calcoin News* Editor, Ben and Claire Abelson, Hans and Beate Rauch were given *SIN's* Medal of Merit.

GRADING — Fact or Fiction?

By: BILL FIVAZ, NLG

CSNA #4901

“OWNERSHIP OF A COIN IS WORTH UP TO 5 POINTS ON THE GRADING SCALE AND DOWN TO 5 POINTS WHEN BUYING ONE.”

If the above statement is re-read and read again, I think you'll see that if a collector, dealer or investor is honest with himself and knows how to grade even moderately well, it is irrefutable. It is simply human nature to feel that a coin you own is maybe just a bit nicer than it really is — strictly because it's yours. Stop and think, now ... isn't that basically a true statement?

Conversely, when you are looking at a coin with the intent to buy that piece, isn't it terribly easy to downgrade that coin in your own mind just a few points, hoping to get a better price on it? Be honest — doesn't this happen more times than not? You bet your bippy it does!

Again, many times we do this subconsciously, not even realizing that it is happening.

It is also a fact, sad but true, that many dealers and collectors alike have compromised their grading standards due to the stratospheric prices commanded by high quality coins in today's market. The “pushing” of a coin by one grade or even ½ grade can sometimes mean thousands of dollars if that coin is purchased at that inflated grade. The problem becomes dramatically acute when the purchaser decides to sell that coin — either in an auction or by private treaty. It is then that he suddenly discovers that the grade under which it was purchased was a bit “optimistic” and the “investment” can now be written off as a tax loss.

To be sure, many coins are purchased at the correct grade and are good investments, but there is only one person upon whom you can rely completely, and that's **YOU!** The question is, what can you do to gain the necessary confidence?

First, take some time and **study proper grading techniques** — maybe concentrating on just one certain series first and learning all you can about the striking characteristics of that series, the high points of wear, etc. Learn what issues are habitually weakly struck, what characteristics denote a weak strike vs. wear, which dates exhibit good luster and those that do not. Assimilate this information and then apply that knowledge to other series.

Next, by **choosing a reputable dealer**, one who knows how to grade properly — and **does**, you're a big step ahead. Avoid dealers who tend to downgrade each coin offered to them, refusing to acknowledge that some are legitimate MS-65's or whatever, while 95% of those marked as such in his case are **vastly** inferior to those he has rejected. Double standard grading is extremely prevalent in the hobby (unfortunately), and while some of it is the old “ownership is worth up to +5 points” principle, much of it is not. We must learn to live with this as a fact of life — it will never change.

Another fact is that the **more coins you look at** and evaluate gradewise, the more proficient you'll become. This is **EXTREMELY** important. Once equipped with the knowledge of how to grade, you must put this knowledge to practical use and look and look and look!

Join a club! Many clubs have periodic educational programs on grading, complete with color slide series on just about every type of coin actively collected. Discussions on grading can stimulate some excellent dialogue and you'll be able to determine those persons in the club from whom you can seek qualified advice to help you along.

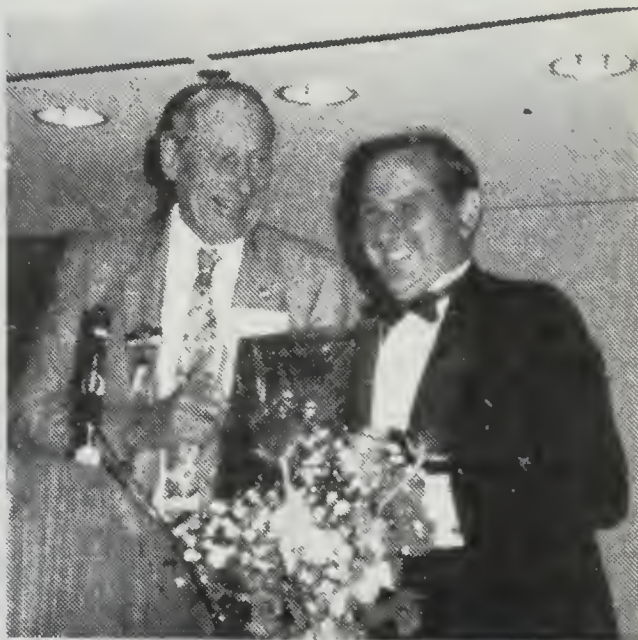
Aaron Feldman, the late sage of numismatics, was credited with the statement: **“Buy the book before the coin!”** This is vitally true in learning grading. The ANA GRADING GUIDE, PHOTOGRADE, and BROWN & DUNN are three excellent books for your library, and each has merits of its own. My suggestion would probably be to use the ANA Grading Guide (and **PLEASE!**, read the first 26 pages!) and Photograde. And why not get together with a collector friend or two on a regular basis to compare the grading of groups of coins? Jot down what you feel the grade of a particular coin would be **and why**, and

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compare your notes with your friends'. Discuss your differences, even call in a third party if you feel it advisable, and develop your skills in this manner. And never hesitate to question a dealer as to why he grades a coin a certain way instead of another — explain that you're trying to develop your confidence and would appreciate any help he might offer. Generally speaking, if a dealer is not busy and if he doesn't have to make excuses for his grading, he'll be glad to help you. Eventually you'll decide for yourself which dealers are good graders and which are a bit on the "sloppy" side.

Finally, if it is at all possible for you to attend one of the **ANA Summer Seminars on Grading** in Colorado Springs in early July. I would highly recommend it. Space is limited and classes have a tendency to fill up fast, but keep it in mind. It is very much worthwhile. The bottom line is this — **YOU** are responsible for buying properly graded coins for your collection or portfolio, so you'd better spend a little time to gain some self-confidence in your ability to select the right coin. Don't depend on someone else to "do right by you" ... too often it just doesn't turn out that way.

Newest California Ambassadors



The element of surprise reigned supreme in the presentation of the latest Numismatic Ambassador Awards to Cal-State members. All were presented by Charles Colver.

At left is shown Howard "Pappy" Young and his wife Betty, who received theirs at the San Diego County Interclub Numismatic Council 31st Coinarma on July 10, 1988.

At right, Dr. Walter Ostromecki, Jr. is honored at the C.O.I.N. banquet at the L.A. Hilton Hotel on May 28, 1988.

Ozzie Stout received his Numismatic Ambassador Award on May 21, 1988 in San Jose, California at the CSNA 82nd Convention. Sorry, we were unable to get a photo of the presentation.



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AWARD WINNERS

Following are the Exhibit Award Winners for the San Jose 82nd CSNA Convention:

UNITED STATES:

2nd — Numismatic Vignettes of our Western Heritage Phil Iversen

1st — The Eisenhower Dollar Gary Acquistapace

MODERN FOREIGN:

3rd — Royals Mints of the Mexican War of Independence - 1810-1827

1st — Silver Pesos of Mexico Gary Acquistapace

SPECIALIZED BY TOPIC:

2nd — 50th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge Phil Iversen

1st — King Kalkaus Coins Al Lo

MEDALS:

3rd — Medallions Kay Lenker

2nd — Columbian Exposition Medals Douglas Daniels

1st — Rulers of Hawaii Al Lo

CONVENTION THEME:

2nd — Transportation on CSNA Medallions Earl Dale

MISCELLANEOUS:

3rd — California's Sambos Coffee Chips Earl Dale

2nd — Strange Money John Lenker

1st — Columbian Exposition Exonumia Douglas Daniels

JUNIORS:

2nd — U.S. Constitution Dollar Kelly Carolan

1st — 1988 Cupertino Coin Show Medal Tommy Carolan

BEST EXONUMIA:

Rulers of Hawaii Al Lo

BEST OF SHOW:

The Eisenhower Dollar Gary Acquistapace

NON-COMPETITIVE:

Seated Liberty Half Dollars of the San Francisco Mint David Lange

Amelia Earhart Memorabilia & Legion of Honor of Mexico Al Hall

French 1965 "FDS" Specimen Set Virginia Hall

C.S.N.A.

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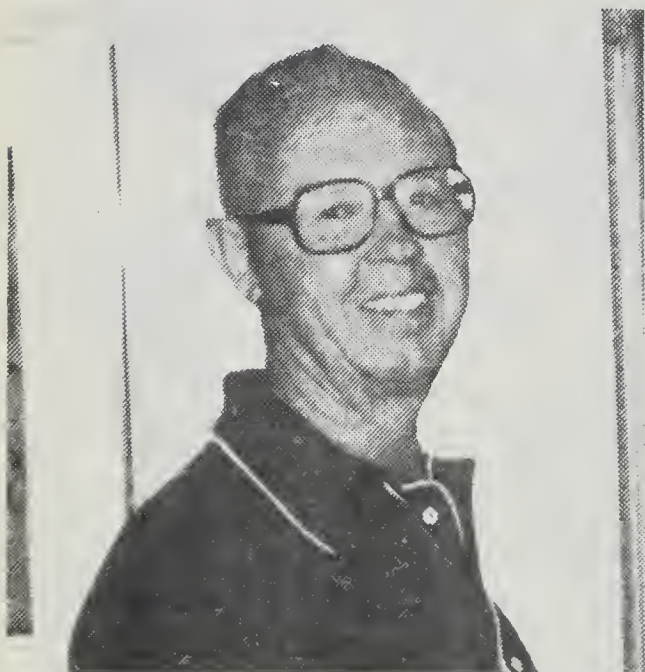
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There will be club meetings, educational forums, beautiful displays, special luncheon, a buffet on Saturday night, awards of all kinds. **WE WANT YOU TO SHARE ALL OF THIS WITH US!**



Who's Who in Cal-State Numismatics



By: **ANGUS E. BRUCE**
CSNA #1678

IT, the coin collecting fever, all started about 1938 while he was a high school student in Redlands, CA. His mother was a registered nurse at the community hospital and had a patient recovering from surgery. Feeling better, the patient had his family bring sacks of cents from the bank to search through and help pass the time.

Among the finds in one sack was a 1909S - vdb cent. He explained to the nurse the scarcity of the find and then gave the coin to her for her young son. That gift ignited a collecting instinct and the search was on. Angus got one of the flat Yeoman coin boards and began searching through all the household change, all the collection monies he gathered on his paper route and all the change he could talk out of relatives and friends. Yes, he still has that 09S - vdb cent and a completed Lincoln cent collection, but not the Yeoman board.

World War-II found Angus serving in the Army and overseas where he met his wife-to-be in Leicester, England. That partnership brought forth two sons and a daughter.

In the years that followed; Cub Scout Master, Boy Scout Master and School Board duties along with his work for Southern California Edison Co. took most of the time, but there was still a little left for coin collecting.

During that period Uncle Sam called once again and Angus saw some time in Korea. It was there that the search for paper money was kindled, but he didn't know it then. During one of the infamous exchange days when all GI's were supposed to be confined to company areas to accomplish an M.P.C. money exchange for a new series, he was absent and consequently was left with about \$20.00 of worthless paper or so he thought. Several years later he came across those old notes and a new collecting avenue began. That was the birth of the search for all the paper money types that was effected by World War-II world wide. And still later that field was broadened to include the coins of that period also.

Angus has been active in several coin clubs and is a past president of the *Hemet* and *San Bernardino County Coin Clubs*, as well as the Convention of International Numismatics. He was Auctioneer for the *International Bank Note Society* and is presently the U.S. Librarian for the Society. He has exhibited at several major shows and presented programs on various subjects. He is a contributor to Pick's '*Standard Catalog of World Paper Money*' volumes 1 and 2 and others.

In 1986 Angus toured China to locate and view some of the locations depicted on the banknotes of the Japanese Occupation during World War-II. Retired from the Edison Co. after almost 35-years service he now devotes lots of time and effort to this tremendous hobby.

In The LIBRARY

By: DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU

We greatly appreciate the gifts of cash and books donated to the CSNA Library.

We believe that you should "buy the book and then the coin", but if you cannot buy, then borrow. We have an extensive catalog of reference material for every phase of numismatics. Books are available from the librarian at no cost other than postage and insurance.

NEW ADDITIONS:

- B-34 Burke, Bryan — Nazi counterfeiting of British currency during World War-II. 106 pp., Ills. The Book Shop, San Bernardino, 1987. Donated by Barbara Burke for Bryan.
- B-80a Davis, Burnett, Jr. — Bolivian proclamation coinage. 86 pp., Illus. Latin America Press, Virginia, MN. 1987
- C-10 Coffing, Courtney L. — A guide and checklist of world notgeld, 1914-194. 184 pp., illus. Krause Pub., Iola, WI. 1988
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California Private Coinage ...

By: I. LELAND STEINMAN

The first time in San Francisco that a bank erected a barrier between its officers and its customers and constructed little wickets through which the coin and paper transactions were conducted, dated from February 24, 1888.

The former custom used by the San Francisco Banks was a free and easy counter over which the visitors to the banks used to lean and lounge chatting freely with the cashier in handling distance of the trays of coins.

For many years San Francisco had its own peculiar way of doing business, incurring debts and settling them, of handling coin and computing values, of deifying gold and swearing at copper. Some of these peculiarities remain, but many of them have been set aside and it will be fitting at this time to dwell for a little while on a few of them, with particular consideration of the oddities of our monetary transactions.

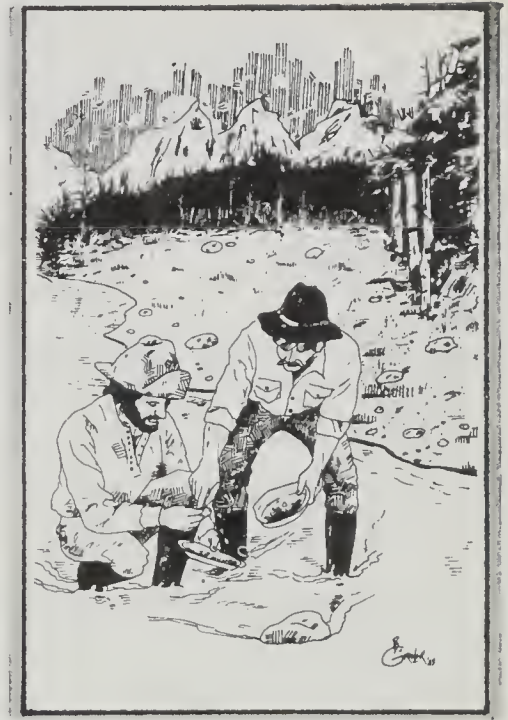
Because of its first remoteness and the astonishing character of its first years of growth, San Francisco was by no means flush of current coin in the old days. Previous to the discovery of gold and the consequent rapid influx of population, there was very little coin in the country and mostly in the towns of Monterey, San Diego and Los Angeles.

Payments throughout the country were frequently made in cattle, hides, etc. A physician's bill has recently turned up where the payment for \$20 was settled in full by payment of two cows.

With its Mexican memories it was natural that California should retain many of its old tokens of associations and it so happened that even after the secession, Mexican Doubloons or ounces and Mexican dollars were principal coins in use.

The original value of the Doubloon was \$16, but in San Francisco it was received for \$15.75. After discovery of gold, that metal in its natural state became the currency. Gold dust was the common form in which it was dealt, and in 1848 and 1849 the bankers rates were as follows:

For grain dust \$15.50 to \$15.75 an Oz.
Quicksilver dust \$14.50 to \$14.75 an Oz.



This was when coin was paid out for the dust. When the banks received it on deposit they valued it at \$16 per Oz. and repaid it at the same rate.

These rates were not settled without some difficulty. On the 9th of September 1848, a great public meeting was held in San Francisco to fix the price of gold dust to pass as currency until a branch mint could be built.

Dr. T. M. Leavenworth was in the chair and J. D. Hoppe was made Secretary and miners came from all over the state to attend the meeting which was of special importance to them. The result was that gold dust was set down at \$16 per Oz. The precious dust was then used for all purposes on all occasions. It was about this time that Gov. Mason announced that thereafter gold dust would be received for custom duty, with the right of redemption in gold or silver coin within 180 days at \$10 per Oz. The conflict of these valuations was even more extended and gold dust was treated more as a commodity with a varying standard, subject to supply and demand, than as a fixed currency. It was also subject to the amount of coin at disposal, for whenever there was plenty of coin the value of gold dust as a circulating medium went down, sometimes it was as low as \$8 per Oz. and there is one transaction on record in which a quantity brought but \$4 an Oz.

Everything was gold. There was actually more of it than people knew what to do with. Bags of gold dust were handed about as freely as cake. The gamblers at the public saloon planked them down as stakes and guessed at the weight. Men had a sublime indifference to the smaller coins and talked indifferently of dust and dollars. There was nothing less received for any service, however slight than half a dollar; for any article however trifling than 25¢. The lowest price of admission to a circus was \$3, which \$55 was the price of a private box. \$30 a week or \$8 a day was the sum asked for good boarding. Every mouthful at dinner had its value and the meal cost from \$2 to \$5.

Gold was a drug, but as in the case of King Midas it was with difficulties it could be converted into the necessities of life. Wheat flour and salt pork sold at \$40 a barrel; potatoes and brown sugar at 37½¢ a pound; a small loaf of bread cost 50¢; coarse boots \$30 to \$40 a pair; and a first class pair cost \$100. Laborers wages were \$1 per hour, and skilled mechanics received \$12 to \$20 a day. Every brick in a house was valued at \$1 and lumber was \$500 per 1000 feet. \$300 a month in advance was paid as rent for a single store of limited dimensions, made of rough boards. 8 to 15% per month paid in advance for the use of money and ministers were paid \$10,000 per Annum for their services. Old bills which have been found show that during this period \$20 was charged for butcher knives; eggs at \$3 apiece; tea and coffee at \$4 a lb.; spirits \$10 to \$40 qt; picks and shovels from \$5 to \$15 each.

Gradually this altogether abnormal condition righted itself, although the process was by no means a rapid one. The supply of the necessities and luxuries of life grew space and brought the price down to a reasonable basis, but the want of a proper circulation medium was still felt.

The national mintage came in too slow and specimens of nearly all the coinage of the civilized world were in circulation. Approximate values were bestowed upon the pieces, and if anything near the shilling, they readily passed current. The French Franc, the American Quarter Dollar, the Mexican Double Real, and the German

Mark were all the same value; so likewise were the English Crown, French Five Franc piece, and the American and Mexican Dollar. On the other hand four single Francs were quite as good as a Five Franc piece, in that they were worth a Dollar.

The smaller silver coins of whatever denomination and of every country were all alike bits and passed for the same value. As for copper money it was, of course, never seen.

With gold matters were quite different. Dust continued to be plentiful but coin continued to be scarce. Finally the banks took hold, and as the only way to settle the difficulty commenced the coinage of private gold.

A few words here relative to early banking history of San Francisco would be appropriate. All the mercantile houses having safes, such as Ward & Co., W. H. Davis, Meliss, Howard & Co., Dewitt & Harrison, Cross & Co. and Macondray & Co. - received deposits and paid them out again. As the population increased this work became so great that the necessity of hours devoted especially to the business began to be felt, and the first of these to be established was that of Naglee & Pinton, who opened their Exchange & Deposit Office on Kearny & Merchants Streets January 9, 1849. Burgoyne & Co. followed on June 5th; the Bank of B. Davidson was opened in September; and that of Thomas G. Wells (afterwards Wells & Co.) in October; and that of James King of Williams on December 5th; Tallant & Wilde (formerly D. J. Tallant) on February 1850; and Page, Bacon & Co. and F. Argenti & Co. on June of the same year.

The first firm to set the example of private coinage was that of Moffat & Co., long the United States assay contractors. They first issued the immense fifty dollar gold pieces - generally octagonal in shape - and known as slugs. They also issued ten and twenty dollar gold pieces. Their example was soon followed by about a dozen other establishments all more or less connected with the various banks.

Adams & Co., the expressmen and bankers, for instance, efficiently used their influence to introduce the gold five, ten, and twenty dollar pieces struck by J. G.

Kellogg and Wass, Mollitor & Co. All these private issues were not only not acknowledged by, but were contrary to law; but the coin contained as much gold as the government mintage; was a great convenience to the public and was condoned by the U.S. officials. Some of the coins were very neatly executed, and stray specimens may yet be found occasionally by curious Numismatists. These coins were mixed with 12% silver and without any copper.

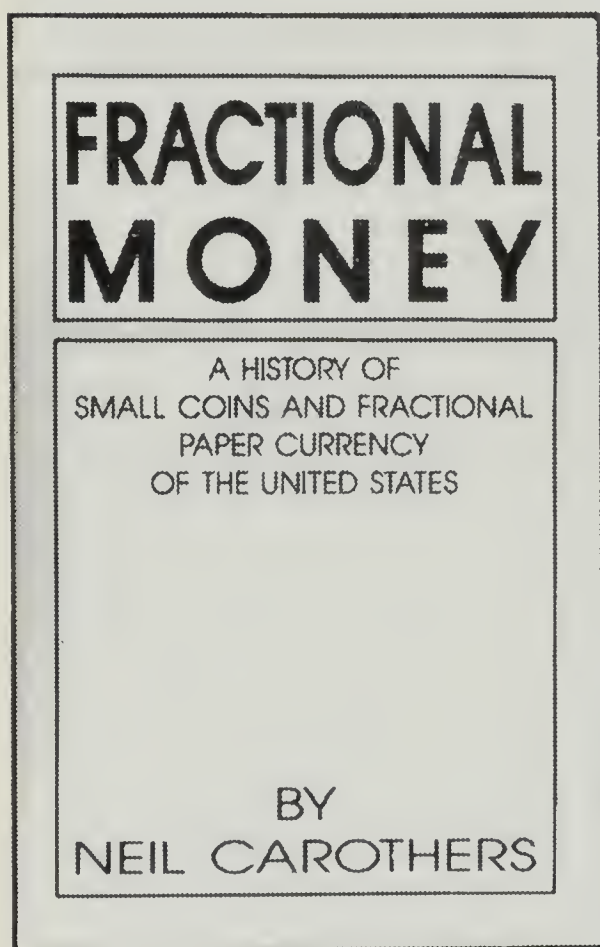
On April 3, 1854 however, the branch mint which had been so long looked for was opened on Commercial St. between Montgomery and Kearney on the site occupied formerly by the U.S. Land Office. Its effect was soon felt. The foreign silver coinage was all depreciated in that year; in 1855 the Octagonal slugs of Moffat & Co. were refused and in 1856 merchants rejected all the gold coinage of the private banks.

It has been found impossible to procure either examples or descriptions of all the private gold coins that were struck in the early fifties in San Francisco. It is evident that they must have been quite numerous, as far as can be learned there must have been about twenty issues of which were as follows: (3) quintuple eagle, slug or fifty dollar pieces - (4) double eagle or twenty dollar pieces, six eagles, or ten dollar pieces - (7) half eagles or five dollar pieces - the gold halves and quarters were never meant to be circulated as mediums of exchange. They were intended as charms.

EDIROT'S NOTE:

Thanks to CSNA Treasurer, Don Thrall, this article was found in an old correspondence file. Mr. Steinman was one of the organizers & the first Secretary-Treasurer of the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society in 1915.

Between The Book Ends . . .



"*Fractional Money*" is a book about coinage. While the present collector might view the term as pertaining to paper notes issued during and immediately after the Civil War, the author used it to relate to all forms of money, with emphasis on coins of the denomination from the cent through the half dollar.

The original, published in 1930 by Neil Carothers, has long been out of print.

The monetary situation in America during the Civil War is discussed in fascinating detail and is the best single source in print for information concerning this fascinating period in coinage and currency history.

"*Fractional Money*" is 372 pages in length, illustrated with a frontispiece, soft-bond, and is available for \$19.95 plus \$2.00 handling. It is available from numismatic booksellers or the publisher: Bowers and Merena Publications, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.



News, Views & Who's . . . from *Northern California*

By Lorelie Fulwider, CSNA A-3163

A number of bay area numismatists enjoyed the opening of the exhibit presented by the *Monnaie de Paris French Mint*, at the Old Mint Museum, San Francisco. The exhibit, *Coins and Medals, Twenty Centuries Of French Art*, was outstanding! Among those enjoying the show were: Don Thrall, Lori and Larry Reppeteau, Vicki and Steve Seeleg, Dave Cieniewicz, Ed and Lorie Fulwider and Hans Hansson. It was a marvelous show, which was enjoyed by all.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB . . . CHOOSES MEDAL DESIGN

Mike Stanley's design of the cable ear was chosen by those attending the April meeting. This should be a very popular medal design.

Ron Johnson discussed some of the fascinating history of locomotives during the July meeting. Ron has great expertise in this area. His other hobby is restoring a locomotive on weekends. Moses Reis gave a comprehensive talk and showed part of his collection of Silver Rounds at the June meeting. Tom Kelly gave an interesting presentation of *California Gold* at the May meeting.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION SCHEDULES 1988 COIN SHOW

This always popular show will be held September 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th. Members working on the show are: Ron Miller and Ed Sins, Bourse; Registration, Lillian Hooker; Security, Constance Perhan; and Exhibits, Elmer Bensen and Ed Sins. Plans are being made to change

the location of the 1989 show, from Cathedral Hill Hotel to either another hotel within the city or one in the Bay Area.

GATEWAY STAGES SUCCESSFUL COIN SHOW

Because of the hard work done by Chairman Virgil Kramer and his workers, the Gateway Coin-Stamp Show was a great success.

Joel Anderson recently presented an interesting talk to the group. The club's Annual Picnic was held in July at Lake Yosemite. I'll bet they had a great time.

31 CELEBRANTS ENJOY PCNS' ANNUAL BANQUET - JUNE 27th

Those attending *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society's* Banquet had a fun time enjoying the excellent food and wine served at the San Remo Restaurant. Bingo games were conducted by Rick Webster and Stephen Huston.

The *PCNS Journal* has taken on a new look. The quarterly journal is co-edited by Becky and Dave Cieniewicz, with "typesetting" done by Stephen Huston. Many fascinating programs have been offered by *PCNS* during the past few months. Don Thrall gave a detailed history of colonialism by the German States in the 19th century. Lori Reppeteau answered the question "Where is St. Katherine?" *PCNS* is blessed with knowledgeable and interesting speakers among their membership.

DAVE LANGE AND CHRIS ARCHER WIN SAN JOSE COIN CLUB'S TRIP TO THE ANA SEMINAR

A random drawing was held at the May *SJCC* meeting, during which Dave Lange won the adult trip and Chris Archer won the junior trip. Al Lo was named alternate. The winners will receive reimbursement for transportation, lodgings, meals, materials, tuition and \$200.00 for out of pocket expenses. There is an overall maximum of \$1000.00. The 20th Annual Seminar, held June 26 - July 2, 1988, offered courses in U.S. Coin Grading, Coin Photography, Introduction to Numismatics as well as many other valuable subjects. Congratulations Chris and Dave!

Winners of the medal contest were: Obverse 1st place - Steve and Martha Sanford; 2nd place - Al Lo; and 3rd place - George Andreg. Reverse winners were: 1st place - Martha and Steve Sanford; 2nd place - Ed Flemate; and 3rd place - Al Lo.

Roy Hill, noted San Francisco numismatist from 1931 until his death in 1974, was inducted into the *San Jose Coin Club Hall of Fame*. He joins Rudy Gjurovich, Al Mandell, Don Pritchett, Charles Kappen, Dennis Hooker and Jean Pritchett in the receipt of this honor.

New club officers are: President, Tim Archer; Vice President, Ron Miller; Junior Vice President (vacant); Recording Secretary, Martha Sanford; Corresponding Secretary, Sally Johnson; Treasurer, Wally Wallaker; Librarian, Ed Sins; Historian, Rod Perrelli; Board of Directors: Gary Acquistapace, Larry Benson, Ed Flemate, and Ron Ishizaki.

NEW LOCATION FOR SVCC . . . MARCH '89 SPRING SHOW

Sacramento Valley Coin Club officers have decided to move their 1989 Spring Show to the BPOE Hall, west of Interstate 5 at Florin Road and Riverside Blvd. The accommodations sound very promising. They include 60 tables, security guards, kitchen and dining facilities and ample parking. The October 22-23 Fall Show will be held at the Cal Expo facility. Com-

petitive exhibits are being contemplated. Those interested should contact John Gomer, 3445 American River Dr., Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95862.

Ron Lerch presented a program on *Tokens and Other Exonumia*, at the April 27th meeting. The May 27th meeting featured Pete Prince, who discussed *Coin Cleaning and Preservation*. Dave Showers and John Gomer combined their talents at the Numismatic Study Group, to discuss *An Introduction to Roman Coins*. Dave gave a historical overview of Ancient Roman Coinage and John spoke on general aspects of collecting ancients, including grading factors affecting value and reference material. During the 17th meeting of *NSG*, each member gave a presentation on a different branch mint. Bob Travis spoke on *Dahlonge*, Lynne Kreps on *New Orleans*, Dave Showers on *San Francisco*, Bob DeCesaris on *Carson City* and John Gomer on *Denver*.

GREATER BAY AREA SHOW . . . SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 11th

San Francisco Coin Club and the *Alameda Coin Club* members are continuing their hard work to prepare an outstanding show at the Oakland Airport Hyatt Hotel. This is the second annual show that has been jointly sponsored by these two local clubs.

Alameda Coin Club has had great fun at their recent "Other Hobbies Night". Betty Hooker brought in her 'Betty Boop' collection; Bill Koonce displayed his U.S. and foreign currency; and Mike Neicoff brought in some prize stamps.

FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB DEDICATES MONTHLY BULLETIN TO GEORGE FLANNAGAN

Sadly *FCC* announced the death on May 23, 1988 of charter member George Flannagan. George served as an active supporter of the club until August 1986, when he retired due to poor health. He was awarded the club's first Honorary Life Membership and the Rick Neily Memorial

Award. As a final tribute to him, the George W. Flannagan Memorial Auction will be held by the club each June, with the proceeds used to support the club he did so much for. He will be missed by all the members.

The Executive Boards of *Vallejo Numismatic Society* and *Fairfield Coin Club*, met to make plans for their annual Christmas party. The proposed date is December 17, at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Hospitality Room. A proposal was also discussed to issue a "joint-- silver medal by the two clubs. It would be undated, use the logo of both clubs and have unlimited mintage.

Recent programs have been Dave Langes talk on *U.S. Coinage for the Philippines*; *Numismatic Hobby Night* and the club's annual May Potluck Dinner at which Ron Miller spoke on *U.S. Type Coins*.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC MAKES . . . PLANS

VNS announced their 'Jefferson Nite' would be held November 2nd. It will commemorate the Golden Fiftieth Anniversary of the Jefferson five-cent coin. Dr. Fred Stripp will be the featured speaker, with his talk on Thomas Jefferson. The meeting will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building, corner of Alabama and Marin Streets, Vallejo.

The 17th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be held on April 30, 1989 at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Vallejo. The theme of the show is 'George Washington'.

HAPPY 18th BIRTHDAY . . . CUPERTINO COIN CLUB

During the festive celebration, Al Lo installed 1988 officers and presented paper weight plaques to the past Board Members for their dedication and efforts. A "Has Been" plaque was awarded to Al Lo by incoming president, Ken Barr, because Al "Has Been President" for the past two years. Tommy Carolan was presented with a 1988 *Cupertino Coin Club* silver medal by Medal Chairman, Phil Solomon. Tommy was the youngest member to win

the CCC medal design contest. Congratulations, Tommy, for an outstanding job!

The two Carolans, Tommy and Kelly, ran away from the other Youth Numismatics Contestants, coming in first and second place. Third place was won by Jeni Johnson. Other winners were Michael Baer, Nathan Miller, Ronda Johnson, Joseph Wandry, John Quinn, Bryan Lo, Suzanne Lo, Sandy Beatty, Thomas Kearns, Alvin Kearns, and Joseph Kearns. The whole group should be very proud of their hard work!

Recent programs included Dave Cieniewicz, speaking on *Pattern Coins*, and *Other Hobbies Night*, at which Al Lo proved you can have your cake and eat it too (he showed his collection of liquor decanters).



Shown above is the 1989 *Cupertino Coin Club* medal which was designed by Ron Ishizaki. This is a very educational minded club as depicted in the legend on the medal.

Join A COIN CLUB

and have

a
GOOD
TIME!



REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB . . . SHOW SET FOR NOVEMBER 13th

Editor, Helen Roberts of the *RCC* newsletter, reports that the March show was very successful, with most of the silver and bronze medals sold at the show. They have high expectations for the November show, which will be held at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building. Members are still seeking a design for their '88 silver round medal. The theme chosen is the Olympics.

WHAT A SOCIAL SCHEDULE . . . THEY HAVE AT FREMONT COIN CLUB!

In addition to the club's show on August 7th, *FCC* plans a picnic September 25th, an A's game August 28th, a golf tournament on June 26th and many interesting monthly meetings. During 'Favorite Token Night', Ken Barr shared a historical token from the Civil War era, which entitled the bearer to a beer, and a Crafton Pool Hall token from Cantina, Calaveras County belonging to Ron Miller. Bill Bromley, the noted numismatist and prize winning exhibitor, spoke in May on the art of arranging a prize winning exhibit. He has certainly proven his knowledge in this area.

NOVEMBER 13th - DATE OF . . . PENINSULA COIN CLUB SHOW

This show is always a favorite in the bay area, so don't miss it. Al Lo, who has been so successful in his medal designs for other clubs, has once more been successful in his design of a locomotive for the *PCC* 1988 club medal.

PCC meets on the second Monday of the month in the Community meeting room of California Federal Savings, 2180 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA. Everyone, including the general public is invited to attend their meetings. Meetings include an auction, raffle, special events, exhibits and door prizes.

1988 officers are: President, Bob Keegan; Vice President, Al Lo; Treasurer, Rich Douglas; Secretary, Don Barsi. Good luck to the new officers.

66 MEMBERS AND GUEST . . . ATTENDED NAPA VALLEY 2nd ANNUAL SILVER NIGHT

There was a full house in Napa, for the 2nd annual silver night. No wonder everyone made a point of coming! They offered six memberships and 12 raffle prizes totaling 35 oz. of silver. The *NVCC* had a good turnout for their April 22nd potluck dinner. As always, members were asked to bring one salad, side dish or dessert for each member or guest. The club provided ham, roast beef, turkey and non-alcoholic drinks. Sounds like a great deal! Bingo Bob Bingham provided the competitions. Lots of fun in Napa!

BEE AND BRENT GRIMM CO-CHAIR DELTA COIN CLUB'S MONTE CARLO NIGHT

I've never met Bee or Brent Grimm, but I've seen their names as members who give their all in the *Delta Coin Club Newsletter*, to the point that I feel I know them. Apparently, they provided members and guests with an unforgettable evening. The games were played for play money, which didn't detract from the fun enjoyed by all. Also planned by *DCC* was a Bingo Night and an Annual picnic. They also have a gold drawing scheduled for their annual coin show October 15-16.

27th ANNUAL DIABLO COIN SHOW.. SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 11th.

Plans are progressing for *DNS* 27th annual coin show, which will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Concord Hilton, 1970 Diamond Blvd., Concord. Bourse Coordinator is Mike Stanley, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord. Recent programs were 'Other Hobbies Night', at which Mike Turrini won first place with his collection of autographs of rebel officials, and Hart Fairclough took second place with his colorful collection of football tickets. Roy Costa, a retired civil service from Mare Island, shared his knowledge of the Great White Fleet. The opportunity for members to share their examples of Teddy Roosevelt exonumia were endless.

AUTHOR, DALE HEWLITT, WROTE AND PRESENTED SLIDE SHOW TO FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

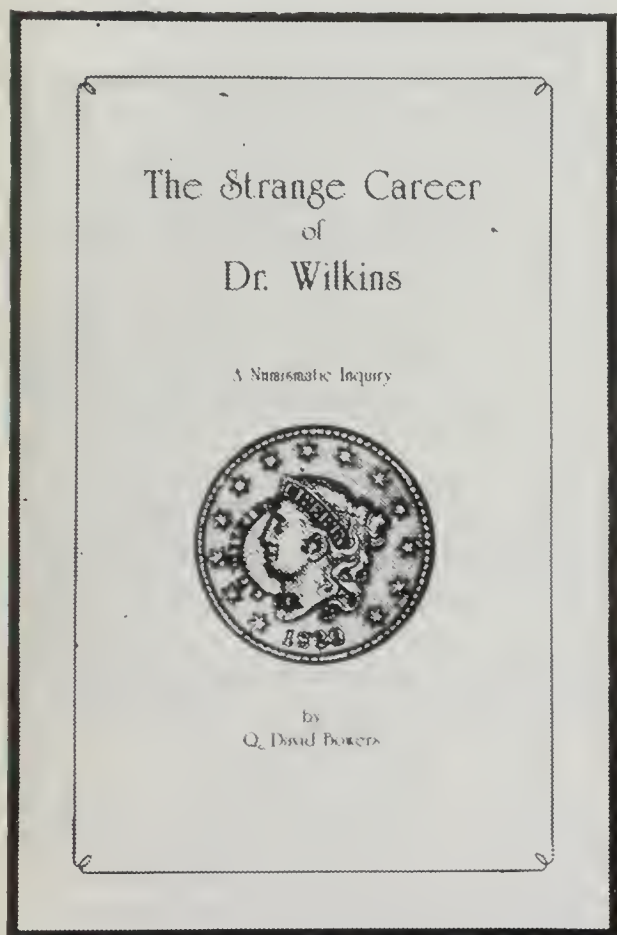
Dale Hewlitt, who had written the text for the slide show on *U.S. Commemorative Coins*, shared his extensive knowledge with members of *Fresno Numismatic Society* at their April meeting. He is known for his excellent programs. He covered US commemoratives from silver to 50-dollar gold. May's program was reference books and other numismatic publications that members use for reference. Phil Plettner was featured at the June meeting, with his talk entitled *The Russian Platinum Coin Experience*. He explained how platinum was discovered, the difficulty encountered in working with it and how it does not rust or tarnish. It sounds like a very interesting and different program.

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ... SEEKS NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Editor, Gary Clement, reluctantly resigned as newsletter editor because of personal commitments. He has done a fine job, in producing a comprehensive and interesting newsletter. His skill will be missed. Past President Silver Medals were made available to any past president of *LNS* at a cost of \$15.00. Past Presidents Medals were presented to Ed Fulwider, Dave Cieniewicz, Otis Mills and Marian Sinton.

Bill Davis and Carl Pastore prepared an excellent display for National Coin Week at the Daly City Library. Exhibit material was provided by members, and consisted of three shelves. Recent speakers were Gary Clement on the *History of Silver*; Dave Langeon on the *S.F. Mint*; and Ed Fulwider on *Problems Encountered at the S.F. Mint*.

From the Book Shelf



A new book by Q. David Bowers - "*The Strange Career of Dr. Wilkins*" - solves a century-old numismatic mystery. In the last century, Dr. G. G. Wilkins stamped his name on countless thousands of Indian Cents, Large Cents, Half Dimes, Quarters, Half Dollars, Tokens, and other coins - in the process achieving distinction as the most prolific coin stamper in the United States. Today, many of his pieces survive.

Who was Dr. Wilkins? What was he advertising? Why did he do it? These are some of the answers Mr. Bowers undertook to research several years ago. Now the answers are presented in a fascinating 96-page volume which is illustrated with many of Dr. Wilkins coins, as well as scenes of the towns in which he lived and other interesting pictures.

If you like coin collecting, and if you like a nice mystery story, the two elements combine to provide a fascinating evening's reading. The book may be obtained by ordering Stock BBM-420, soft-bound \$7.95 or Stock BBM-421, hard-bound, hand numbered and signed by the author \$19.95. Forward your request to Bowers & Merena Publications, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.



News, Views & Whos . . . from

Southern California

By Dr. Shelby Wagner, CSNA #3590

A TREAT INSTEAD OF A TREATMENT

One of the real treats in attending the *Orange County Coin Club* meetings is to see what Curly Mitchell will bring for the auction. His very unusual items always generate interest and spirited bidding.

TAKE AWAY THE "C" AND IT'S JUST ANOTHER STORY

Charles Colver, Covina, spoke in July at the *Culver City Coin Club* on the topic "Culver City at Age 75". He gave an overview of the celebration planned for the city. Charlie gathered together nearly two hundred of the family clan and issued a special medal for the city.

CALL THE STATE DEPARTMENT

Coin dealers Robert Scott and Bill Panier, as well as collectors Bruce Davidson and Peter Meyer of various Orange County clubs are planning on attending the Hong Kong Coin Show in November.

CONDOLENCES

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Paul Boraack and Kay Northam's brother, Aubrey Austin, over forty years a member of the *Bay Cities Coin Club*; *President C. P. "Wogy" Wogoman of the Long Beach Coin Club*; and Virginia Hall's father in Ohio. We offer our condolences to family and friends.

AWARD WINNERS

At the May COIN Convention, SCANS members Richard Basler won first place and Alan Stark a second place in the Ancient Category. Stark also won the "Peoples Choice" Award.

YOUR EDITOR RECOMMENDS

The Museum of National History in Los Angeles has some exhibits which are very interesting numismatically. King Herod's Dream: Caesarea on the Sea features many coins of that time period. In the Gem and Mineral area a film on Gold and its role in history is shown. Another exhibit, on loan from the Smithsonian Museum, features the Emergence of the American Man. This historical overview showcases U. S. money often and its vital role in our history. A tip: You may want to call to see if the exhibits are still there before leaving home.

A FINE TRIBUTE

Albert and Virginia Hall have consented to sell Bryan Burke's book on Nazi Counterfeiting as long as the supply lasts. For your copy, contact them at P.O. Box 1028, Colton, CA 92324 for price and quantity information.

SHOW STOPPER

We understand the *Santa Barbara Coin Club's* 30th Annual Show, held at the Miramar Hotel in that city, was a great success. Judging from the people in the metropolitan area of Los Angeles who planned to attend, it had to be.

JOIN ONCE, JOIN TWICE, JOIN ONCE MORE AGAIN IT'S BEEN A LONG, LONG TIME

Aubrey Austin III became the third generation of his family to become an active part of the *Bay Cities Coin Club*. Walter Dittrich of the *Orange County Coin Club* may share that distinction. Any others?

DOING IT THE RIGHT WAY

The *Orange Coast Coin Club* and *Garden Grove Coin Club* have been having excellent attendance at their meetings recently. The officers are pleased and hope the trend will continue throughout the fall and winter.

WE ARE PROUD OF . . .

One of the more interesting Show & Tell items recently displayed was on Snow White. Jessica Santos held the fifty-six in attendance at the *Whittier Coin Club* spellbound with her presentation. Did I mention Jessica is six years old?

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Todd Wagner, *Orange County Coin Club*, upon his graduation, Cum Laude, from Claremont McKenna College.

BACK TO THE BASICS

One of the very nice features of attending the *San Bernardino County Coin Club*, besides all the nice people there, is listening to a special program called "Back To The Basics". Club members present the material on topics such as Investing in Gold and Silver, The Advantages of a Numismatic Library, Numismatic Periodicals and Counterfeits at recent meetings.

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

The *Long Beach Coin Club* is putting together a short biographical sketch, including pictures of each of its current officers for the Fall Long Beach Expo.

A GOOD BOOK IS LIKE A MELODY

John Bergman, member of the *Long Beach Coin Club*, recently purchased the Paramount Library of Numismatic Literature. Paramount International was the first Public Stock Corporation organized to deal exclusively in numismatic literature.

DARK — BUT NOT PITCH BLACK

The *Glendale Coin Club* could not meet in May as their meeting place, the Glendale Federal Savings and Loan, underwent major renovation. The club was back and running after their forced vacation.

AROUND THE WORLD

Speaking of vacations...Curly and Ruth Mitchell cruising the Amazon, John and Kay Lenker touring Germany. Al Hoogveen to New Zealand. Many of the club members touring during the summer always make interesting stories upon their return.

A PROUD CLUB

The *Redlands Coin Club* released two hundred sets of their club medallions — The Redlands Home of the Lincoln Memorial Shrine during the summer. The set of medallions in silver, golden bronze, oxidized bronze and oxidized copper sold for \$25 and were very beautiful. They were struck by Lee Kuntz of Masterpiece Medallions.

MY HOW THE MONEY ROLLED IN

The Annual *Covina Coin Club's* Coin-O-Rama was very successful again this year. A full room of dealers, good food, lots of friends, half-hourly drawings, all brought in good crowds. By the way, the Double Shift paper of the Greater Huston area reported their profit at a recently held show to be \$10,492.39!

THE MEETING IS YOU

The *Covina Coin Club* conducted a meeting recently where the members were the program. The members spoke on topics such as why they became interested, the most significant purchase or find. Everyone enjoyed the participation and sharing.

A GOOD IDEA WORTH SHARING

The *Redlands Coin Club* provides each guest with five free tickets for their drawing. Whoever brings the guest also receives five free tickets. The *Orange County Coin Club* also presents each exhibitor with five free door prize tickets. These seem like nice incentives. Perhaps other clubs might be interested in something similar.

SICK BED REPORT

Sorry to report that Launie Wright was hospitalized, but is now home. Also, George Russell and Evelyn Sadler of *Bay Cities Coin Club* are recuperating from surgery.

WEDDING NEWS

Congratulations to Ted Lopez of the *San Bernardino County Coin Club* on his recent marriage to a pretty lass named Mary.

MORE THAN A BANQUET

At this writing actor Richard Dysart of L.A. Law and actor Lew Ayers are expected to join in the Awards Dinner of SIN at Taix Restaurant in Los Angeles. Dysart will be a speaker and assist in the presentation.

WHEN IS A PROOF NOT A PROOF

Alex Brossenk demonstrated at a *Long Beach Coin Club* meeting how a regularly

struck coin can be transformed into a "prooflike" specimen right before your very eyes. Several members went home with a proof.

AFTER 28 YEARS — WHAT IS THIS?

The *Downey Coin Club* now meets on the fourth Monday every month. This change occurred after twenty-eight years of meeting on the first Wednesday.

TV PERSONALITY

John Lenker appeared on San Diego Television - July 5 - on a program called "SAN DIEGO SUNUP" ... discussing numismatic topics.

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Downey Coin Club

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Coins and Lore of Ireland

San Gabriel Valley Coin Club

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Fontana United Numismatists
PNC'S
Covina Coin Club

BILL KIRK

Challenge of Creating a Complete Set
of Stdg. Liberty Quarters
Bay Cities Coin Club

LEE KUNTZ

Making & Issuing Medallions
Redlands Coin Club

KAY LENKER

Preparing Exhibits
San Diego Numismatic Society

JOHN & KAY LENKER

The Island of Yap
Covina Coin Club

JOHN LENKER

German Coins
Redlands Coin Club

LLOYD LINDMER

Numismatics
San Diego Numismatic Society

CHUCK LUCE

Minting Process
San Diego Numismatic Society

WALTER MOORE, JR.

Rialto Banknotes
San Bernardino County Coin Club

DOUG NORWOOD

The 14 Mints of Mexico
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club

DR. WALTER OSTROMECKI

The U. S. Constitution
Downey Coin Club
San Bernardino County Coin Club
U. S. Silver Coinage 1792-1891
Culver City Coin Club

DENNIS ROCKLEIN

Old San Francisco Mint Museum
Los Angeles Coin Club
3-Cent Pieces, Silver, Paper & Nickel
San Gabriel Valley Coin Club

ED SCHUMAN

Jewish Banking
INS of LA

ALEX SHAGIN

Olympic Medals
Bay Cities Coin Club

DONNA SIMS

Donna's Ramblings
INS of LA

CAMERON SWENKO

British Tokens
Heartland Coin Club

JESSIE UHLIR

Name That Coin
Whittier Coin Club

DR. JOHN VENABLE

The Amazing Lincoln Cent
Los Angeles Coin Club
Culver City Coin Club
Long Beach Coin Club

CSNA YN Wins Canadian Award

Matthew Rockman, CSNA 88-YN-12, has been awarded the first Annual Todd Gee Literary Award from Toronto, Canada.

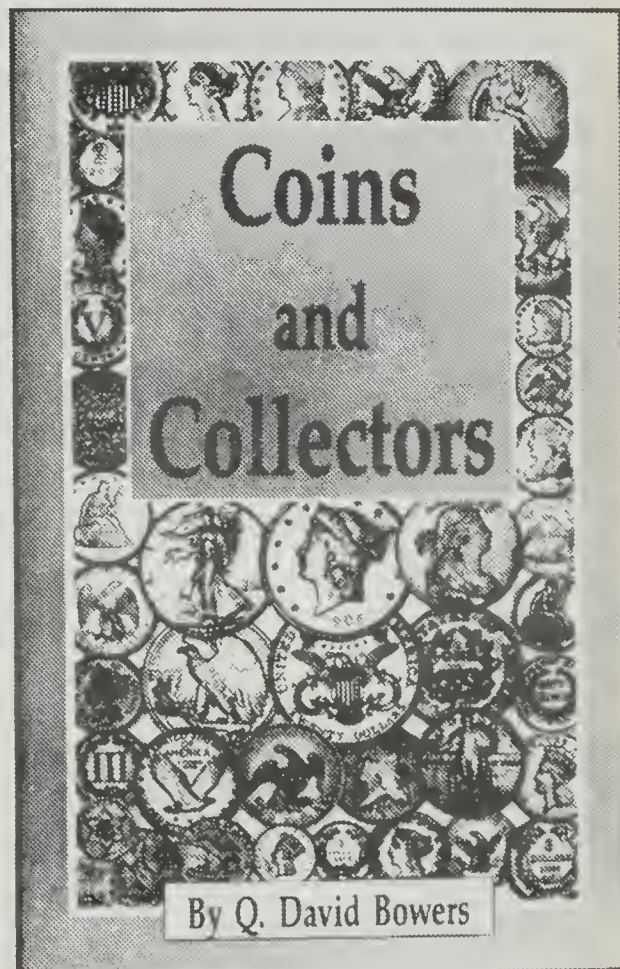
Mr. Rockman's efforts were published in the October, 1987 JOURNAL of the *Pacific Coast Numismatic Society* where he won first place in their literary program. The article was entitled "The Coinage of Great Britain" and covered the periods of William the Conqueror, Henry II, Richard II, Henry VIII, James I, Anne, George III, and Victoria.

CSNA congratulates Matthew on his achievement, and encourages other YN's to write on their favorite numismatic subject.

25-YEAR MEDAL RECIPIENTS

Years: 1963-1988

1345	William J. Lonergan
1382	Barbara R. Mueller
1390	Dr. Charles W. Aby
1393	Mrs. Joy Parrish
LM 17-1	
1400	Downey Numismatists
1411	Sheldon G. Wirt



"COINS AND COLLECTORS" 214 page book was written by O. David Bowers in 1964. It has been out of print for 15 years but now, Bowers and Merena Galleries have reprinted it with a distinctive new cover.

This is indeed a book for the collector, for it tells of the history and romance of numismatics, all illustrated with old-time advertisements, pictures, and catalogue pages.

Copies are available from numismatic booksellers or directly from the publisher for \$9.95 plus \$2.00 handling. Send direct to Bowers and Merena Publications, Box 1224, Wolfeboro, NH 03894.



CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

November 25-27, 1988 83rd Convention & Coin Show
PFD LION INN Vineyard Ave at Ontario Airport
ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA

I wish to place an exhibit in the above convention:

TITLE of my exhibit: _____

I classify my exhibit in Category _____
(Choose one only from list on right)

My exhibit will be Competitive _____
(Subject to Rule #7)

My exhibit will be Non-Competitive _____

Please reserve _____ feet of space for me.

I will furnish my own case _____ yes _____ no.

How Many _____ Size _____

Will need CSNA cases for my exhibit:

How many _____ Size _____

I agree to abide by all CSNA exhibit rules and decisions. Furthermore, I agree that the CSNA, its officers and committee members may not be held responsible or liable for theft, damage or injury to any materials placed on display.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

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JUNIORS ONLY (Under 18 years of age)

Your age _____ Years _____ MONTHS

Your parent or guardian must sign below to authorize your exhibit:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

.....
NAME OF EXHIBITOR: _____ CSNA Membership # _____
(Please print clearly)

STREET OR P. O. BOX NO. ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EXHIBIT CATEGORIES

- A - United States
- B - Ancient & Medieval Before 1558 A.D.
- C - Modern Foreign After 1558 A.D.
- D - Currency
- E - Specialized by Topic
- F - Medals
- G - Convention Theme
- H - Miscellaneous
- I - Juniors 13 and under
- J - Juniors 14 and over

MAIL EXHIBIT APPLICATION TO:

Al and Ginny Hall
P. O. Box 499
Colton, Ca. 92324

EXHIBITS may be placed on Friday, November 25, 1988 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. due to holiday; judging will be Friday night.

Declaration of Independence.

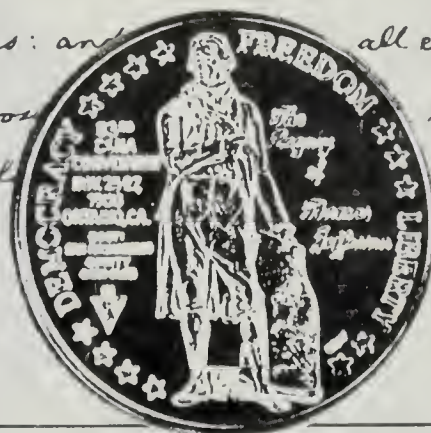
Fac-simile of the original document in the hand-writing of Thomas Jefferson.

[Copied by permission from the MS. in the Department of State, at Washington.]

A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in General Congress assembled.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for ^{one} people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to ~~assume a new form of government, in which they have hitherto remained, & to~~ as-sume among the powers of the earth ^{separate and equal} the ~~equal & independent~~ station to which the laws of nature & of nature's god entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to ~~the~~ ^{the} separation.

We hold these truths to be ^{self-evident}, ~~that~~ ^{that} all men are created equal, ~~& independent~~; that ^{they are endowed by their creator with equal} ~~from that equalisation they derive~~ ^{certain} ~~inherent~~ ^{unalienable} rights, among ^{which} ~~these~~ are ~~life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness~~; that to secure these ^{rights}, go-vernments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; that whenever any form of government ~~shall~~ becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, & to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles & organising its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety & happiness. ^{prudence} indeed will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light & transient causes: and ^{all experience hath shewn that} mankind are more disposed to suffer, ^{are sufferable, than to} ~~right themselves by abolishing~~ ^{they are accustomed but}



The LEGACY OF THOMAS JEFFERSON is depicted on the CSNA 83rd Convention Medal.

WELCOME to the G r r r r - RED LION

The CSNA 83rd "Colonial Convention" is dedicated to the third President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson. The legacy of this man is cherished by all of us — Democracy — Freedom — Liberty as depicted on our convention medal. The medal was designed by C. R. Woodward, member of the host club.

The Friday Luncheon will be of interest to all historians of home life in Colonial times. Barbara Burke, the Luncheon Hostess, has invited Joanne Danielson of Redlands, CA, to demonstrate how the colonial housewife made quilts for her family. (Be sure to get your luncheon tickets as soon as you arrive on Friday, or advise Barbara Burke ahead of time that you plan to be in attendance. Her address is 2364 N. "G" St., San Bernardino, CA. 92405

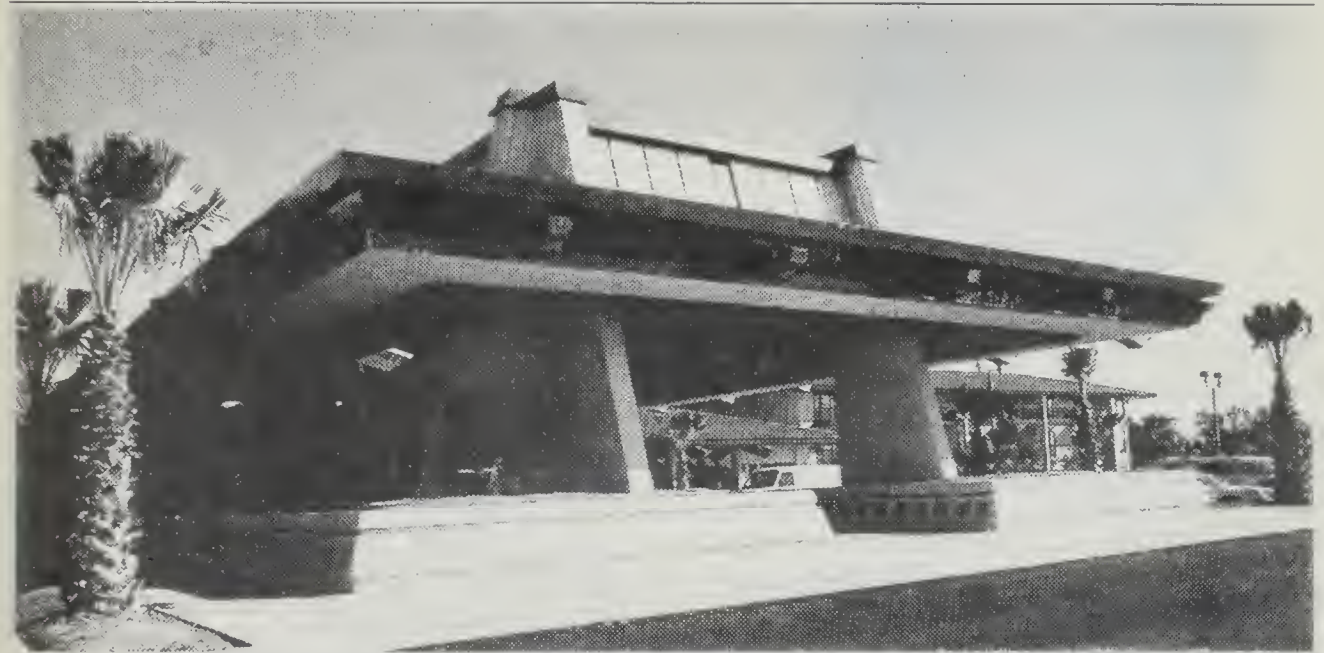
The educational forum on Friday evening will feature speakers on the convention subject period in history.

Exhibits will be placed on Friday with judging after the forum.

Saturday brings a round of meetings with the C. E. S. (*California Exonumist Society*) already confirmed.

The awards banquet will be held Saturday night, if you were there last year, plan to be there again this year. We encourage people to dress in early American costume if they so wish.

SEE YOU AT THE RED LION!



RED LION INN

Ontario, California

Plan to attend the next CSNA Convention

May 5, 6, 7, 1989

Dunfey Hotel — San Mateo, California

DEATH CLAIMS WALT ALCOTT

CSNA lost a very supportive member when Walt Alcott (Mbr. 3051) passed away recently after a short illness.

We send our condolences to his wife and children. He will be missed by everyone who knew him, as a dealer or as a friend.

Tax-Free Gold Bison Bullion Pieces

The Governor of South Dakota, George S. Mickelson, recently signed into law a Senate Bill exempting South Dakota gold and silver Bison medallions from any and all state, city, service and use taxes.



The design of the South Dakota Bison changes each year, but all Bison are pure gold bullion pieces struck in proof-like quality. They have appealed to the investor as well as numismatists worldwide. The 999 fine gold Bison rounds are minted as part of an ongoing bullion program sponsored by the State of South Dakota.

This bullion program is currently the only officially legislated program that is designed, mined and minted exclusively in the United States. The gold is mined in the Black Hills of South Dakota at the Homestake Mine — the oldest producing mine in North America.

The Bison gold pieces are minted by a Gold Institute member, Tri-State Mint, 1600 A Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104. Tel. (800) 843-9854. Tri-State Mint is a privately owned mint and is also the official mint of the State of South Dakota.

Editing A Publication is NO Joke

If we print jokes,
they say we are silly.

If we don't,
they say we are too serious.

If we use stories
from other sources,

We are too lazy
to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are too
enthralled with our own words.

If we make changes in
the contributors article,

We are too critical,
if we don't, we are blamed
for poor editing.

Now without a doubt,
some will say we copied this
from another publication,

THAT IS RIGHT . . .

WE CERTAINLY DID.

Have YOU submitted an article lately?

IN THE LIBRARY (continued)

- K-38e Krause, Chester L. & Cliff Misler — Standard catalog of world gold coins Platinum and Palladium issues included. 704 pp., illus., Krause Pub., Iola, WI. 1988 ed. Donated by Krause.
- L-5c Linecar, Howard W. A. — British Commonwealth coinage. 291 pp., illus. Ernest Benn, London, 1959. Donated by Edward Lane.
- M-7g Malmer, Brita, ed. — Corpus Nummorum Saeculorum IX-XI Qui in Suecia reperti sunt. Skane, Maglarp-Ystad. 271 pp., illus. Catalog of coins from the Viking Age found in Sweden. Donated by the Royal Coin Cabinet.
- M-101 Miller, William T. — Delaware merchant tokens. 33 pp., illus. Token & Medal Society, 1988.
- P-17b Standard catalog of world paper money. two vols., 5th ed. 1986. Donated by Krause Pub.
- P-41 Perez-Tenreiro, Tomas — Condecoraciones Venezolanas. 79 pp., illus. Biblioteca Popular, Caracas, 1972.
- P-42 Pratt-Mayans, Miguel Angel — Coins and essays of Paraguay. 112 pp., illus. Paraguay, 1985.
- R-78 Rayner, Peter Alan — The designers & engravers of the English milled coinage 1662-1953. 26 pp. Seaby, London, 1954. Donated by Edward Lane.
- R-77 Rose, F.M. — Chopmarks. 54 pp., illus. Numismatics International, Dallas, 1987
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LITERARY AWARDS

Thanks to all who contributed educational articles to *Calcoin News* in 1987. It was my pleasure to present the awards at the 82nd CSNA Convention in San Jose at the Holiday Inn.

Dr. Thomas Fitzgerald received the First Place Medal for his article "The Treasure From Lucayan Beach". Bryan Burke was awarded the Second Place Medal for an article entitled "Air Mail Receipt". Barbara Burke accepted the award.

For the first time, CSNA struck a uniface copper medal, engraved with the honorable mention recipient's name, San Jose and the date of May 21, 1988. Only 100 of these medals were struck and they will be used exclusively for this purpose. Those receiving a copper medal were: Bill Fivaz for "The Retarded "1834" Half Dime"; Dr. Charles W. Aby, "Beggara, The "Cob" — It's Irish; and Dorothy Lockwood, "Medallions of the Tasmanian Numismatic Society".



The Secretary's Report

Ethel Lenhert, CSNA 1564

New Members

(11 April 1988 through 31 July 1988)

- 5173 FRANC, Craig A. P.O. Box 864, Upland, CA 91785
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5174 LO, Alvin H. W.
(sponsored by Ronald Ishizaki)
- 5175 AMARO, Jesus R.
(sponsored by Albert Hall)
- 5176 CHERMESINO, Dave P.O. Box 8672, JFK Station, Boston, MA 02114
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5177 MASTERS, Billy P.O. Box 42, Mullin, TX 76864
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5178 BEARDEN, John D.
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5179 LEVINSON, Ina E. P.O. Box 4405, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5180 CASS, Douglas S. P.O. Box 4405, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93921
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5181 MEJIA, Joseph I.
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5182 RYNDFLEISZ, Bruce ... 2005 Palo Verde Ave. #333, Long Beach, CA 90815
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5183 WIECZOREK, Frank
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5184 HIRASHIMA, M. Archie
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5185 SASLOW, Dr. Arnold R. P.O. Box 699, Palm Desert, CA 92262
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5186 SAUVAGE, Harley 10385 N. Blaney Ave., Cupertino, CA 95014
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5187 SAYAH, Iraj 4560 Densmore Ave., Encino, CA 91436
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5188 KRAVITZ, Robert J.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5189 NEWBOLD, Richard J.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5190 DARAY, Dennis 3009 Veterans Blvd., Metairie, LA 70002
(sponsored by W. J. Grant)
- 5191 HOLLINGER, Ed
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5192 MEDLEN, Virginia S.
(sponsored by the secretary)
- 5193 HOFF, David
(sponsored by the secretary)

5194	BRAUNS, Ralph H.	2535 Erskine Ln., Hayward, CA 94545 (sponsored by the secretary)
5195	DUNLAP, Michael P.	2564 Erskine Ln., Hayward, CA 94545 (sponsored by the secretary)
5196	ENG, Thomas	4107 Suzie St., San Mateo, CA 94403 (sponsored by the secretary)
5197	KEHOE, George	P.O. Box 5882, Fresno, CA 93755 (sponsored by Charles G. Colver)

DECEASED		CONVERT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP	
1047	Basso, Aldo P.	LM 42-1	Sayah, Iraj
2100	Johnson, Byron		

REINSTATEMENTS			
4204	Ankerman, Walt	2272	Snover, Gary F.
2545	Hill, Harold	3457	Weizenecker, Harold J.
409	Long Beach Coin Club	4552	Kruger, Kurt R.
3250	Moore, George E. III	4268	Fowers, Millie
1573	Moore, Nona G.	4506	Kagin, Don
5094	Moore, Randall J.	1557	SIN, San Gabriel Valley Chapter
1836	Schlather, Chris	1203	Robinson, Douglas E.

Membership on 1 May 1988	1010
New Members (1 May 1988 through 31 July 1988)	25
Reinstatements	14
Deceased	2
Convert to Life Membership	1
Membership Total, 1 August 1988	1047
Total Life Members	150

— Calendar Additions —

January 13-15, 1989	21st Annual Coin Show
San Jose Coin Club	
San Jose Conv. Center, Park Ave. & Market St., San Jose	
Bourse: Ken Barr, Box 32541, San Jose, CA 95152	
January 26-28, 1989	34th Annual Convention
Numismatic Association of Southern California	
Hyatt Hotel, Los Angeles Airport, Cor. Century & Sepulveda	
Bourse: Jerry Yahalom, Box 3637, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359	
Exhibits: Albert & Virginia Hall, Box 1028, Colton, CA 92324	
February 25-26, 1989	19th Annual Coin Show
Cupertino Coin Club, 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd.	
De Anza College Cupertino, CA	
Bourse: Frank Nielson, c/o CCC, Box 1189, Cupertino, CA 95014	
March 3 - 5, 1989	26th Annual Coin Show
Las Vegas Numismatic Society, Union Plaza Hotel, Downtown Las Vegas	
Bourse: Ernie Ferrario, 1417 Webb St., Las Vegas 89030	

Calendar of Numismatic Events

CALIFORNIA STATE NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

- November 25-27, 1988 83rd Convention & Coin Show
Rcd Lion Inn, Ontario Airport, Ontario, California
General Chairman: William J. Grant, P.O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369
Exhibits: Albert & Virginia Hall, P.O. Box 499, Colton, CA 92324
Host: San Bernardino County Coin Club
- March 18, 1989 21st Educational Symposium
Griswold's Inn, Freeway #91, Raymond, Fullerton, CA
Director of Education: Dr. Tom Fitzgerald, Box 4144, Covina, CA 91723
- May 5-7, 1989 84th Convention & Coin Show
Dunfey Hotel, San Mateo, CA
- Fall, 1989 85th Convention & Coin Show
Host: Orange County Coin Club

W. J. Grant, BOURSE COORDINATOR, P.O. Box 295, Patton, CA 92369
To be contacted for bourse applications to any CSNA convention.

— OTHERS —

- September 15-18, 1988 27th Annual Coin Show
Numismatic Association of Northern California
Cathedral Hill Hotel, San Francisco, CA
- October 15-16, 1988 24th Annual Show
Delta Coin Club
Eagles Hall, 1492 Bourbon St., Stockton, CA
Bourse: Elden Enzminger, Box 216, Victor, Ca 95253
- October 22-23, 1988 31st Annual Coin-O-Rama
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Cal Expo., Expo Blvd. & Business 80, Sacramento
Bourse: Dennis Pacheco, Box 801, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741
- October 23, 1988 29th Annual Coin-O-Rama
West Valley Coin Club
Rosedale Woman's Club House, 7901 Lindley Ave., Rosedale
Bourse: Paul Borack, 3125 Washington Blvd., Marina del Rey, CA 90291
- October 29-30, 1988 22nd Annual Coin-O-Rama
Fresno Numismatic Society
Piccadilly Inn Hotel, 2305 West Shaw, Fresno
Bourse: Steve Foster, 4376 N. Blackstone, Fresno, CA 93726
- November 13, 1988 Annual Coin Show
Peninsula Coin Club, Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real
Bourse: Fred van den Haak, Box 60484, Palo Alto 94306-0484
- November 13, 1988 Annual Coin Show
Santa Cruz Coin Club, CPDES Hall, 216 Evergreen, Santa Cruz
Bourse: Bo Borick, Box 268, Santa Cruz 95061
- November 13, 1988 21st Annual Coinarama
Redwood Empire Coin Club, Veterans Memorial Bldg., Santa Rosa
Bourse: William Feist, Box 2811, Santa Rosa 95405
- December 4, 1988 7th Annual Coin Show
Chico Coin Club, Holiday Inn, Hwy. 99 at Colhasset Rd., Chico
Bourse: Albert Beck, 1040 Village Lane, Chico - (916) 345-7969
- January 8, 1989 26th Coin/ Hobby Show
San Bernardino County Coin Club
National Orange Show Grds, Citrus Bldg., 689 South "E" St., San Bernardino
Bourse: Norm Sturgess, Box 1028, Colton, CA 92324